

**Town of Benton  
Select Board Meeting  
Tuesday August 22, 2022**

**Select Board Members:** William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott; Kimberly Carpenter

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; and Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor and Surveyor of Wood & Lumber

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the minutes for the meetings of August 8, 2022, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

The Board reviewed a letter from Woodsville Ambulance requesting the designation of a representative from the Town for a new advisory committee. The Board voted to designate Gina Elliott.

The Chairman noted the New Hampshire Municipal Association has scheduled its bi-annual Legislative Policy Conference for September 23, 2022 and each town is entitled to one delegate. The Board appointed Chairman Darcy as the delegate.

The Chairman noted the receipt of a supplemental one-time road grant from the State of about \$13,000 due to a legislative enactment.

The Chairman informed the Board that Treasury had changed the ARPA funding rules so that Benton has more options in spending the remaining ARPA money (about \$36,000).

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account balance was \$358,673.87 and the ICS account had \$233,826.24.

The Board discussed options such as the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool that provides greater interest revenue than bank accounts.

The next meeting will be September 12, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.